



Coventry and
Warwickshire Partnership
NHS Trust

STORIES FROM THE WARD

MARY

OLDER ADULT

Safe in isolation - COVID-19

as told by Felix Sebastian

oxehealth

Mary¹ was transferred to the older adult ward from the local general hospital following mental health problems triggered by the side effects of medication. She is in her 80s and has physical health complications.

Shortly after admission, Mary developed a cough and high temperature and tested positive for COVID-19.



*We noticed that Mary had been **coughing and had a temperature** and so we took the precaution to **isolate** Mary in her bedroom and test her for **COVID-19**.*

*It's important that she isolates herself to **reduce the transmission** risk of COVID-19 because all our patients are particularly **vulnerable** to becoming severely unwell due to their age and physical health.*

Felix and his team moved Mary into a bedroom equipped with Oxevision.

Oxehealth's Vital Signs module allows Felix and his team to take spot-check vital signs observations without entering Mary's bedroom unnecessarily, whilst still responding to Mary's changing needs and giving psychological support.

*We check Mary is safe and take pulse and breathing rate measurements using Oxevision to **avoid unnecessary contact**. We still provide direct personal care when it's needed.*

*Having Oxevision has been incredibly useful to help monitor Mary's health, enabling us to respond in time if her physical health deteriorates while **minimising the team's risk** of exposure to COVID-19.*

*It is really **helping us manage** care on the ward in these challenging times.*

Felix Sebastian, Ward Manager, Older Adult ward



¹ A pseudonym has been used to maintain patient anonymity

ABOUT OXEHEALTH

Oxehealth's Oxevision supports Mental Health organisations to improve inpatient safety and quality whilst giving clinicians more time to care.

Oxevision uses an optical sensor to pay attention to patients in bedrooms when staff can't be there. The Vital Signs module enables staff to take contact-free vital sign spot checks without entering the room. The system provides real time alerts to high-risk activity and displays activity and behaviour reports.

Oxehealth has won the HSJ Patient Safety Award for "Best HealthTech Solution" and Regional Parliamentary "The Future NHS" Award. Oxevision has been highlighted as an example of outstanding practice by the CQC¹.

FOOTNOTES

The Oxehealth Vitals Signs device is a certified medical device in Europe. It is intended for non-invasive spot measurements of pulse rate and respiratory rate. It is a fixed-installed device for use within single occupancy rooms within hospitals, general care, domestic and secured environments where a framework exists which mandates period checks by a trained professional to ensure subject safety. See Instructions for Use for intended use, contraindications, warnings, cautions, usage directions and maintenance.

The activity detection, fall risk, activity tracker and sleep products are activity trackers and do not have a medical purpose or functionality. They are not patient monitors or vital signs monitors. They cannot be used to make a medical or clinical decision.

¹ See <https://oxe.health/cqc-cwpt>

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